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## AMUSEMENTS.

Salt Lake, matinee and night—"The Christian." Orpheum, matinee and night—"Vaudeville."  
Lyric, matinee and night—"The Cherry Blossoms."  
Grand, matinee and night—"King of Detectives."

## WEATHER FOR SALT LAKE.

Possibly showers, warmer.

## THE METALS.

Silver—55 1/2 per ounce.  
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## "AMERICANS," THAT'S ALL.

At the conclusion of a discussion by a council committee during which several items on a bill of supplies for the isolation hospital were admitted to be excessive, the individual who was shown to have been charging the city more than a private individual could have secured the same goods for announced that he was still a "good American." If the "American" party can stand the attachment of such a can as that to itself the rest of us will bear up with great cheerfulness.

The amount involved in this particular form of graft was not large enough to bankrupt the city but it was too much, and if the health officer had been as attentive to his duties as he should have been it could not have happened. The cold truth seems to be that in this "American" administration anything with an "American" tag to it goes through. An "American" grocer can overcharge the city if he desires to do so and the "American" health officer approves the account without investigation.

"American" garbage collectors can do anything but collect garbage, and the "American" health officer goes right along with his private practice. Rotting filth lies heaped up in the streets, disease and pestilence are being bred on every hand, but because the employee of the department that ought to take care of such matters are "good Americans" nobody has any earthly right to complain. Nor is it surprising that health department employees are negligent.

They know and the whole city knows that their chief encourages them, by his example, to let work take care of itself. It is a matter of common knowledge that Dr. Stewart spends no more time in his office than he can possibly avoid spending there. A liberal estimate is three hours a week for work that, properly attended to, would require not less than three hours a day. The assistant for whom Dr. Stewart clamored so loudly and who was granted him almost literally follows in the footsteps of Dr. Stewart, as far as actual attention to duty is concerned. Ezra Thompson, another "good American," as mayor of Salt Lake City, is personally responsible for these conditions. He is responsible because he appointed the health officer and because he continues him in office. It is greatly to be hoped that Mayor Thompson will be big enough to acknowledge this responsibility by demanding the resignation of Dr. Stewart and appointing another health officer. He can surely find one who is an "American" and efficient at the same time.

## TO STRETCH HOUSE TERMS.

Members of the house of representatives are reported to be heartily in favor of a recommendation submitted by the committee on elections of president, vice president and representatives in congress to lengthen the terms of representatives to four years. The argument is made that the public is tired of biennial congressional elections. The report speaks of it as a "continuous drama" and goes on: "The people as a result are inclined to give no attention to the primaries and conventions—the very foundation of our political system—the forum wherein the country's interests can best be protected and guarded."

The complaint is made that no party can formulate policies within the brief space of two years. But the real secret of the situation is found in the concluding paragraph of the report, as follows: "With an election every two years the political grafter who thrives on partisan strife and on the nervous uncertainty controlling candidates for office, is able to live from one election to another by the boodle secured at his unholy business. The adoption of the proposed amendment would render it less possible for this creature to ply his trade."

There is a remarkable confession in this paragraph. It is a confession that

many Republican congressmen rely on boodle to put and keep them where they are. The committee admits that the members would like very much to cut off this tribute to the grafters, and they practically admit that the only way to do it is to lengthen the terms of representatives. It does not seem to have occurred to them that a better way would be to declare war on the grafter, to refuse to encourage him in his "unholy business." That would be the brave stand. True, it would cause a great many vacancies in the present house of representatives, but the public could bear up very well under the blow.

## A WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENT.

The San Francisco situation is rapidly developing into a straight business proposition. The story feature of the disaster has been written into history. It will be a long time before the chroniclers stop writing their reports for the daily papers, and the new San Francisco will be well under way before the magazines are through with their stories of the disaster. The fact remains, though, that it is a cold business that now confronts San Franciscans. It is a business in clearing away rubbish, in putting streets in order, in arranging bricks and mortar and structural steel into buildings.

Nothing holds out more hope for the reconstruction of the ruined city than the announcement in the dispatches yesterday that in the great rolling and other mills where structural steel is made San Francisco orders will be given preference over all others. That is, they will be rushed to completion before other orders are taken care of. This is as it should be. An emergency of the gravest sort exists in San Francisco. In no other city in the country is there as much need for building materials.

Under the most favorable circumstances several years will be required in getting out the steel necessary for San Francisco and in transporting it to that city. Millions upon millions of tons of it will be needed. Much of it will be shipped by water, but the greater part will necessarily go by rail. When the heavy character of the material is understood it becomes apparent that many hundreds of train loads will be needed. The railroads have never had as great a transportation problem to solve. San Francisco was not built in a day and it cannot be rebuilt in a day. The people of that city must have patience along with their unparalleled energy. In time a greater city than ever will rise on the ruins of the old one. Modern steel buildings will take the places of old, poorly constructed buildings, for the disaster showed that such buildings successfully withstood the storm and the stress.

## STOPPING AN ABUSE.

A provision of the postoffice appropriation bill that is likely to modify, to a large extent, the congressional franking abuse, is that which says that no article under a postal frank shall pass through the mails unless it would be accepted if offered for transmission by a private individual. The purpose of the provision is to end, if possible, the practice indulged in by some congressmen of using the mails as some men use the express companies.

It has been openly charged that congressmen have sent pianos through the mails, that they have sent household furniture and even live stock. In the house the other day members laughed when the assertion was made, but it will be remembered that there were no explicit details. It is a matter of common knowledge that great bundles of soiled linen are sent home by economical congressmen to be washed and returned, still under a frank, to Washington. It's a fine graft for congressmen but hard on the postoffice department.

In nearly every postoffice department report during the last ten years attention has been called to abuses of the franking privileges, and the statement has been made that to these abuses is due in great measure the annual postal deficit. The adoption of the rule forbidding the transmission of franked matter that would not be accepted at all if unfranked will be a step in the right direction. The only trouble is that it is too short a step. It would have been better if the privilege had been suspended entirely and a sum of money allotted to congressmen in lieu thereof.

This would relieve the postoffice department of the burden of millions of campaign documents sent out every two years, documents that are rarely, if ever, read by the recipient and that cost the government, first and last, a large sum of money. It would also do away with the carrying of voluminous government reports that, when used at all, are used to make the chair a little higher for the baby, or for something of that sort. But congress as a whole is about as apt to pass such a bill as the senate is to adopt a resolution for the submission of a constitutional amendment providing for popular election of senators.

Yesterday was our morning contemporary's day for dooming Smoot again. Accordingly, gentle reader, he was doomed. You can always depend upon that on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday. Also on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

The president's nomination as postmaster of Montpelier is one of the Winters of Senator Dubois' discontent. And there is little prospect of its being turned into glorious summer for Winters.

## SOCIETY

Miss Agnes Gardner Eyre and her mother are at the Knutsford. Miss Eyre is an accompanist for the great violinist Kubelek and is a daughter of Louis Eyre of Minneapolis. She is a talented pianist, whose reputation has been made world-wide by her work with Kubelek. The Eyre family are old friends of H. V. Meloy of this city and of Mrs. Porter of Bingham, both of whom entertained Mrs. and Miss Eyre yesterday.

The High school cadets gave their annual dance at Saltair last evening. The large pavilion was crowded with the cadets and their friends. The hall was decorated with the school colors, red and black, and American flags. Christensen's orchestra furnished delightful music for the dancers. The chaplains for the evening were Mrs. J. B. Moreton, Mrs. E. A. Wedgewood, Mrs. W. C. Webb, Miss Ella M. Dukes, Miss Claire Ellerbeck and Miss Marye Mayne.

Mrs. Frank P. Swindler entertained a few friends yesterday at a luncheon followed by bridge. The table was decorated with pink carnations, and prizes were won by Mrs. Kenneth C. Kerr and Mrs. Elmer B. Jones. The other guests were Mrs. Ellsworth Daggett, Mrs. M. S. Woodward, Mrs. George Jay Gibson, Mrs. Solomon Siegel and Mrs. O. E. Cary.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kearns entertained at a luncheon at the Alta club for a party of friends passing through the city. They were Mr. and Mrs. John Carroll, Mr. and Mrs. Newberry and Miss Mack, the last named of Philadelphia and the others of St. Louis. Mr. Carroll is the general solicitor of the Burlington route.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Keyes entertained a few of their friends last evening at a dinner at the Alta club. The affair was in honor of the wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Alexander, and the other guests were Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Fifield, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Galigher and Dr. A. C. Ewing.

Mrs. George Havercamp of Provo is in the city, the guest for a short time of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. St. Claire.

Mrs. William Bartling of Los Angeles is visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dale for a few days but will return to her home during the week.

Miss Edythe Ellerbeck and Miss Bob Ellerbeck are at Delta Gamma house in Stanford but will be home during the week.

Mrs. E. T. Harvey returned Tuesday from Los Angeles after an absence of several months.

Dr. S. H. Pinkerton and E. M. Bagley left Thursday on a ten days' business trip to the east.

Miss Martha Hankins of Colfax, Ia., is the guest for a few days of Mr. and Mrs. U. U. Hiskey.

Mrs. Mary E. Gilmer has settled in the old Gilmer home on Ninth South and Eleventh East streets.

The Browning section of the Ladies' Literary club will meet today at 1 o'clock with Mrs. J. H. Brown.

Mrs. Lee Jones, who has been visiting in Ogden for the past week or so, will be home early next week.

Mrs. W. T. Benson entertains informally at cards today.

Miss Blanche Kimball entertains at a dinner this evening.

Mrs. A. McKellar and children and Mrs. C. E. Rourke have returned from a six months' visit at Ocean Park, Cal.

The W. C. T. U. will hold its regular meeting at the Y. M. C. A., Saturday, April 28, at 3 p. m. Members are urged to be present.

## CLEVER PARAGRAPHS.

But B. B. Wouldn't Stand Hitched.  
(Philadelphia North American.)  
Castro's substitute is expected to abdicate in favor of Castro when the latter is ready to run things again. That's the way it was when Platt put Odell on the job.

What an Awful Suggestion!  
(Philadelphia Telegraph.)  
It may be all right to christen that new battle ship the Delaware, but certainly would hate to hear it nicknamed the Gas Tank or the John Addicks.

Platt Will Not Be Lonely Then.  
(Houston Post.)  
Quite a number of congressmen are announcing their purpose to retire. And there be many who will retire, although they are not announcing the fact.

Beats Feathers All Hollow.  
(Chicago Post.)  
A Pennsylvania bride has made sofa cushions out of her courtship love letters. It would probably be difficult to find a softer filling.

Nothing Small About La Follette.  
(Atlanta Journal.)  
Senator La Follette claims that the election of the young Republican mayor of Milwaukee is a personal victory for him.

The Reds Could Use Them, Too.  
(Buffalo Express.)  
That gun crew on the Pennsylvania, which made seventeen hits in a minute, ought to be signed by Manager Stallings.

No Chance—He Talks Too Much.  
(Atlanta Constitution.)  
If 'Lige Dowle will calm down awhile maybe some life insurance company will tender him its presidency.

Then It's "23" for Mr. Steffens.  
(Boston Herald.)  
Lincoln Steffens is not a muck raker. He has got a White House chuckle at that effect. That settles it.

But Will He Get It?  
(Richfield Sun.)  
"The Sun is a favorite in Aurora," said Martine Anderson the other day. "We want to see the Sun Doctor prosper and have a clean towel every day of the week. To help the towel fund here is my contribution. And Martine said three silver plunks into the ginger jar."

BOSTONESE.  
(Yonkers Statesman.)  
Church-I was in a Boston restaurant the other day and ordered a plate of hash.  
Gotham—Well, did you get it?  
Yes, I got it; but the waitress called it "re-arranged viands."

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